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## Powwow feature is South American group



**ANDEAN CULTURE:** The Ecuadorian music group Chayag will perform during the United Tribes International Powwow set for September 8-11 in Bismarck.

## One of the Ten Best Powwows in America

BISMARCK (UTN) – Musicians and dancers from Ecuador will appear during the 2011 United Tribes International Powwow. The group Chayag will perform music of the Andes and demonstrate the dances of their heritage. The South American visitors are the featured cultural group of the annual event set for September 8-11,

the weekend after Labor Day, on the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

Chayag’s traditional music flavor will add to the flourish of North American tribal music and culture during the contest powwow, now in its 42nd year. Providing the action are tribal dancers and drum groups who gather in Lone Star Arena, the

college’s dance arbor. Upwards of 1,000 participants compete for over \$84,000 in prize money.

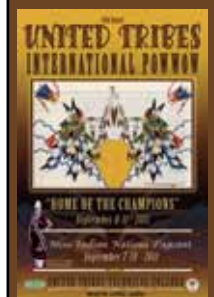
In April, the powwow was listed by USA TODAY among the top “ten great places to be wowed by American Indian culture.” Spectators from all backgrounds are wel-

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6th Annual  
**THUNDERBIRD  
 RUN**  
 HALF-MARATHON • 10K • 5K  
**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

**United Tribes Fall Term 2011**  
 TJES Classes Begin, August 15  
 Student Orientation August 22-24  
**UTTC CLASSES BEGIN**  
**Thursday, August 25**  
 See UTTC Academic Calendar page 8

**Free  
 Powwow  
 Poster  
 Inside!**



# Needs of Tribal Veterans described



**MEETING THE SECRETARY:** Jim Bear from the Three Affiliated Tribal VA Office shakes hands with Retired U. S. Army General Eric K. Shinseki at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. Shinseki is the nation's Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He was honored at the conclusion of a listening session July 5, during which tribal leaders from Standing Rock, Three Affiliated and Turtle Mountain described their Veterans Affairs needs. High on their lists for

tribal veterans is the need for housing, health care, jobs training and suicide prevention programs. Earlier this year, Shinseki formalized the VA's government-to-government relationship with tribes by signing the agency's first-ever consultation policy. Accompanying Shinseki was Stephanie Birdwell who heads up the VA's recently created Office of Tribal Government Relations. DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

## KODA THE WARRIOR "WELCOME TO SUCCESS!"

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SPIRIT LAKE NATION



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# Shakopee honored for philanthropy

## Award is “Nobel Prize” for Public Service

PRIOR LAKE – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community received a Jefferson Award June 21 in Washington, DC, one of the nation’s highest honors for community service and volunteerism.

Known as the “Nobel Prize” for public service, the awards are presented each year to individuals and organizations that best represent the Jeffersonian ideals of citizen involvement and commitment to public service.

SMSC Vice-Chairman Glynn Crooks accepted the Jefferson Award on behalf of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for the tribe’s philanthropy.

Over the past 15 years, the tribe has donated more than \$215.7 million to charitable organizations, Indian Tribes, and Native American organizations. The tribe has also committed to making more than \$400 million in loans to other tribes for economic development projects. The

tribe’s charitable giving program comes from a cultural and social tradition to assist those in need.

“The Jefferson Awards serve to celebrate those among us whose selflessness, altruism and generosity of spirit represent the best of America,” said Sam Beard, founder and president of the awards. “The tireless work of individuals and organizations such as the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community not only improves their own communities but serves to dignify our nation as a whole. We owe them our thanks and offer these congratulations.”

Shakopee was nominated for the award by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

## Veterans support groups aid college students

**W**hile at United Tribes on July 5, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki was briefed about “Freedom Defenders,” the college’s veterans group advised by Mike Iken of the UTTC Center for Academic and Personal Counseling.

The Secretary said that veteran’s support is vital to the success of a college student. He said veteran groups establish an informal support network with camaraderie that builds team work.

“Veterans come from a highly structured career and they need to continue to be

structured while students,” he said.

Shinseki pointed out that all veterans have some level of Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) for a period of time and that is where a support network is vital for reintegration to a community setting. If PTS turns into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, it is important for professional help.

Shinseki’s message: Support groups and structure are essential for student success.

– Sheri Baker, United Tribes Associate VP Community Wellness

## Quote of the Month

*“The intent is to create a better opportunity for the VA to assure that a veteran who lives in a rural area, a veteran who is American Indian or Alaska Native, has the same opportunities of access to VA’s services and benefits as someone living in an urban area in one of our large cities. We intend to do that. And if we can do that better than we are doing now, we will have accomplished what this consultation policy was all about.”*



– Eric K. Shinseki, U. S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, speaking July 5, 2011 to tribal leaders at United Tribes Technical College, commenting about the agency’s effort to enhance its government-to-government relationship with tribal nations.

# UTTC grad publishes autobiography

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes graduate Stacey Speedis has accomplished another of her goals. The self-described 35 year-young Native woman from the Yakama Indian Nation is now an author. She wrote and published a first book, “Horse Trails Have No Ends,” in May 2011.

Speedis graduated in 2005 from the United Tribes Art/Art Marketing Program. She is the single mother of two. Her time in North Dakota contributed to her recovery from a horse-riding accident. At UTTC she was involved in the AIHEC Art Competition and creation and construction of the Thunderbirds public art sculpture. She later worked at the college part-time.

“Horse Trails Have No Ends” is a self-published autobiography that she started while attending the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1996-97. In it she describes how she “has fallen over or stumbled many times on the rough trail of life.” She describes how she is one of many people raised around alcohol that drowns the traditions of culture. She writes of her love of horses and the riding accident that put her in a coma and caused paralysis on her right side.



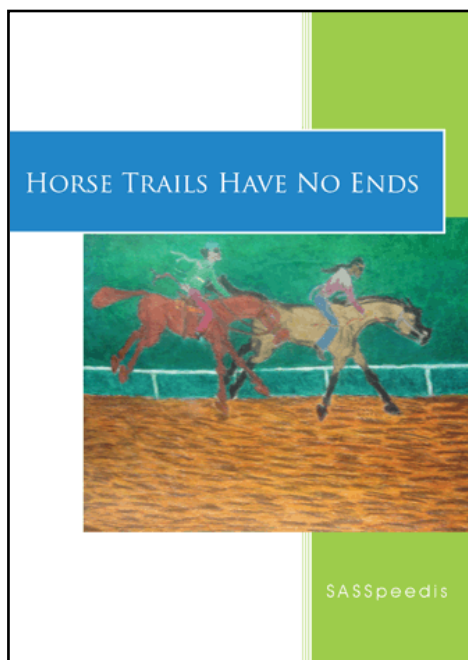
Stacey (seated) chalked a horse tumble scene for the 2005 UTTC Sidewalk Art Show in downtown Bismarck. DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

“I wanted to let the UTTC people know that I have published a book and that ‘Tribes’ is the best college I have been to,” she wrote in an e-mail.

“Horse Trails Have No Ends” is available

through the self-publishing company Author House, [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com), (ISBN: 9781456768232, 6x9, 160 pages) in hardcover \$15.99; perfect-bound soft cover \$10; and as an e-book \$9.99.

## From “Horse Trails Have No Ends”



*“I took Starbuck to the pen shaped like an oval that was right beside the track under the bleachers.*

*There were six other women there for warm-up. As we went around the pen, you could see the hatred in the others’ eyes under the glare of their sunglasses. Our horses were getting hyper because they knew it was racing that we were warming them up for; they would rear up here and there making a cloud of high-dust that sometimes blurred our vision.”*

– Stacey Speedis (Yakama) writing in her book “Horse Trails Have No Ends,” [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com)

## Can’t Thank Nursing Staff Enough

By Amanda Thompson

I wanted to let you know how pleased I am with the program of nursing I had at UTTC. I seriously pray that you start the RN program someday.

Studying nursing school is so overwhelming and its truly a lot of work. When I was in the midst of it, I didn’t understand why some tasks and assignments had to be done. When it’s all said and done, I see the light and the reasons behind everything.

I am so proud of where I graduated from and my career. I encourage people to go to UTTC because you all really care about our futures and want us to become the best nurses possible.

I can’t thank you all enough.

Please let me know when UTTC offers RN schooling. I’ll be the first to sign up!

Amanda Thompson graduated from the UTTC Practical Nursing Program in 2010



# “TEEING OFF FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS”

*Hosted by United Tribes Technical College*

**Friday, September 9**

**Apple Creek Country Club**

**3.8 miles East of Bismarck ~ Hwy. 10**

*This event provides additional scholarships to benefit students of United Tribes Technical College as they strive to achieve academic success.*

*Limited to the first 144 golfers. Set up in four-man scramble format with prizes given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both gross and net formats.*



## • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS •

- 12:00 Registration
- 1:00 Shotgun Start
- 5:30 Awards Luncheon
- 5:45 Drawing for Prizes

## HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE:

**\$10,000**

Other Fun Competitions

For Hole Sponsorship, contact Brad Hawk

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**Entry Fee:  
\$100/person**

Includes green fees, golf cart,  
lunch and door prizes

# United Tribes involved in flood

## College High & Dry/Campus Community Volunteers

**M**issouri River flooding caused destruction for an extended period of time during the summer of 2011. All along the river basin in Montana and the Dakotas, the damage included property and infrastructure belonging to tribes and tribal people. Homes, roads, bridges and public buildings were inundated by waters highly contaminated with E. coli and other health hazards. The Crow Tribe in Montana was hit particularly hard, losing hundreds of homes. Leaders at Three Affiliated and Standing Rock were prompted to declare flood emergencies. In some areas, such as on Standing Rock, rising water forced snakes and other creatures out of their normal

habitat into contact with people.

A combination of unprecedented spring rainfall in the Missouri watershed, combined with record snowpack in the mountains of Montana, were the stated causes for the most significant flood threat to Bismarck-Mandan since construction of the Garrison Dam 60 years ago. Aided by federal assistance, the area responded to avert a larger disaster with 10 miles of protective dikes and levees, pumping operations, evacuations, and volunteer sandbagging.

Since United Tribes Technical College is located on high ground out of the flood plain over two miles from the river, the college

was not subjected directly to flooding. However, the college was impacted in other ways. The homes and residents of a number of staff members and students and their families were located in low-lying areas, and the community needed volunteers for sandbagging and other flood-related assistance.

As local, state and national authorities began to assess the threat to Bismarck-Mandan and its residents, the college's administrative managers established a United Tribes flood response effort. An office was established in the Russell Hawkins Conference Center as a command location and dubbed "UTTC Flood Central." Individuals from the college's division of Student and Cam-

pus Services were assigned to staff it. Safety Director Bill Wuolu was named coordinator.

High water levels over flood stage persisted in the Bismarck-Mandan area, causing flood awareness and some mitigation activities by the college throughout the summer.

Donors, including and in particular the American Indian College Fund, responded quickly to the crisis with emergency funds for the tribes and tribal colleges affected. United Tribes is grateful for the assistance and thankful to be located above the flooding and therefore able to provide help to others.

— editor



A group from UTTC, including David M. Gipp, college president, at left, filled sandbags June 2 at Bismarck's "Sandbag Central" location. United Tribes News photos/Dennis J. Neumann



Anthony Walker (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) is seen performing a sandbag toss from Kyle Leaf (Cheyenne River) during a sandbagging activity along the Missouri River. Both are Criminal Justice majors and part of a class that spent an afternoon sandbagging for a community member.



United Tribes volunteers helped sandbag the home of Mike and Stacie Iken, and later helped move their possessions.

# Flood fight



on the receiving end of  
ing a volunteer outing  
Program students and were  
ng at the home of a UTTC



## Everlasting Gratitude

### One of the Many 'Thank You' Notes

Dear President Gipp,

*Thank you for allowing our wonderful UTTC maintenance crew to help with the flood efforts. Last night they came to my mother's house (in the flood zone) to help sandbag and put up a perimeter. Words cannot convey how helpful that was to my mom and me.*

*The neighborhoods had tons of people but no one really stopped to ask my mom if she needed help. Then the UTTC crew pulled up and did such an amazing professional job. Some of the neighbors came over to see what a great job they did!*

*I just wanted you to know that my family and I are truly grateful. THANK YOU Bernard Strikes Enemy and crew and Wes Long Feather for helping us!*

*Tiffany Hodge,  
UTTC Enterprise Director*

college employees  
sessions to safety.

# United Tribes Flood Response

By Bill Wuolu, UTTC Safety Director

**F**lood Central, in the Russell Hawkins building, was established to assist the campus community during the flood event. Assistance was provided with sandbagging, moving of belongings and housing issues. Staff members worked with various departments around campus to marshal resources and address needs during the flood event, share vital information and respond to community questions and needs.

## Requested Assistance

Thirty-four individuals requested assistance through UTTC Flood Central. People and transportation to sandbag, transport of sandbags, and assistance with moving was requested and provided. To ensure they had a place to go, some individuals requested that they be placed on a list for lodging in case they were ordered by local authorities to evacuate.

## Volunteers

Many volunteers from the UTTC campus community came to help those in need. Sandbaggers, movers, and transporters pitched in to help those on the requested assistance list. Seven individuals came from the Three Affiliated Tribes at New Town on June 3 to help the Bismarck/Mandan community. Scott Davis and Kelly Baker also helped for many days transporting sandbags and placing sandbags for those in need.

## Housing Assistance

Eleven UTTC community (Student, faculty or staff) members and their families (39 people total) move onto campus into student housing or dorms. There were also seven others who inquired regarding housing assistance in the event they would need to evacuate their homes.

The college was prepared to take-in up to 137 people in housing units and dorms if needed, with contingency for up to 100 more in the college gymnasium. Room for an additional 10 families was available in the new modular classrooms of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the college campus.

Thank you to everyone who involved themselves in this community effort!

# Issue Management



In UTTC Flood Central, from left: Dave Raymo, Dennis Lowman, Bill Wuolo and Jess Simpson.

**T**he following tasks were identified and/or completed between May 26 and June 7 as part of the United Tribes flood response effort:

- Established UTTC Flood Central location
- Tracked flood info almost hourly from official sources, including NWS, COE, ND Emergency Management, National Guard, and City of Bismarck, and from other sources including the media and individuals
- Distributed information about routing and handling flood related calls, requests and questions
- Evaluated and planned for cafeteria service for possible evacuees
- Increased emergency supplies
- Assessed amount of water on hand
- Purchased: non-perishable foods; cleaning/disinfecting supplies
- Obtained quotes for purchase of generators in case of power outage
- Ongoing tracking of resources
- Reserved Spiffy Biffs for possible evacuation situation
- Created a temporary housing contract and vehicle permit and guidelines
- Created requested assistance spreadsheet to manage requests/needs
- Evaluated and prepared for temporary housing on campus
- Received donated bedding from God's Child Project
- Tracked the amount of fuel used by college vehicles
- Tracked the number of volunteer hours by college staff
- Provided shuttle service to & from sandbagging sites almost hourly
- Obtained authorization for administrative leave for employees doing volunteer flood work
- Allowed use of campus parking lot for pick-up and drop-off by nearby, flooded elementary school
- Formed an Information Technology Emergency Management Plan
- Obtained quotes for rental units
- Developed procedures for accepting flood donations
- Documented with photos and notes the college's flood emergency response

– Bill Wuolu, UTTC Safety Director

## Gipp at summer reading kick-off



**STORYTIME:** United Tribes Technical College President David M. Gipp displays illustrations in a book he is reading to youngsters during the 2011 Bismarck/Mandan Summer Reading Kickoff. Gipp was invited by the North Dakota State Library to participate June 3 at the outset of the reading series for students from schools in the two cities. North Dakota State Library photo

## Review leads to continued HIT Program accreditation

**A** quality review of the United Tribes Health Information Technology Annual Program Assessment Report was completed by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The report was accepted as submitted and, as of July 2011, the college's HIT Program was approved for continuing accreditation from the commission. Among the comments made by CAHIIM in their review:

Curriculum content and sequencing ap-

pears satisfactory.

The graduate placement and satisfaction rates are very good.

A high satisfaction rate by employers is noted and program is commended.

Graduate performance on the national certification exam exceeds the national average.

The program evaluation plan is well done.

– Karla Nordyke, RHIA, CLC,  
UTTC HIT Program Director

## Summer training at Yale



Tamsen O'Berry at the 2011 UTTC Nurse Pinning.

**C**ongratulations to Tamsen O'Berry who was accepted into the Summer Training Opportunities in Child Development and Mental Health program at Yale University.

Tamsen is from Three Affiliated; she graduated with honors from the United Tribes Practical Nursing program in May. She was one of 12 individuals selected from a record number of applicants for the summer program of the Yale Child Study Center of the Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT.

The two week training took place July 11-22. It provided an introduction to child development and child mental health. Special emphasis was placed on detection, prevention and treatment of developmental and mental disorders in children.

– Evelyn Orth, Practical Nursing Program  
Director



## United Tribes Technical College Academic Calendar

AUGUST 1.....TJES OPEN FOR STUDENT REGISTRATION  
AUGUST 8-11 ..... SUMMER SESSION II FINAL EXAMS  
AUGUST 10 ..... TJES STAFF RETURNS FOR ORIENTATION  
AUGUST 12 ..... SUMMER SESSION II GRADES DUE  
AUGUST 17..... ONLINE GRADES DUE  
AUGUST 18-19 ..... FACULTY ORIENTATION  
AUGUST 20 ..... THUNDERBIRD RUN

AUGUST 22-24..... STUDENT ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION  
AUGUST 25 ..... CLASSES BEGIN  
SEPTEMBER 1 ..... FALL GRADUATES ORIENTATION  
SEPTEMBER 2..... LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR FALL SEMESTER  
SEPTEMBER 5..... LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9..... LAST DAY TO ADD A UTTC CLASS  
SEPTEMBER 8-11 ..... UTTC INTERNATIONAL POWWOW



# Gardening and Native Plant Tour Scheduled

## August 15-16, 2011

By Pat Aune, United Tribes Land Grant Programs Director

A tour of horticulture projects is scheduled for August 15-16 at United Tribes Technical College, Sitting Bull College and Fort Berthold Community College. These organizations and their NDSU partners welcome you to tour the variety of horticulture projects located in these communities.

Traditional gardening practices, edible native plants, community gardens, youth gardens, grassland restoration, local food sources and cooking classes are a few of the topics to be explored. Call Pat Aune at ext. 1399 if you are interested in attending some or all of the tour.

The tour starts at UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice Kitchen on Monday, August 15 at 9 a.m. Participants will tour the Dragonfly Garden with Tom Kalb, NDSU Extension Horticulturist. This garden includes over 140 varieties of roses, along with test plots for vegetables, ornamentals and fruit trees. Traditional gardening methods will be shared by Donald Cain, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. The tour continues on the UTTC campus with a stop at the Anne Kuyper Community Garden, the raised-bed gardens planted by TJES elementary students in the Junior Master Gardening program, and the gazebo garden. The morning will conclude with a garden feast lunch hosted by the UTTC Land Grant programs.

Edible Native Plants Walk led by Linda Different Cloud will open the Sitting Bull College tour on Monday afternoon. We will also tour the NDSU Extension community garden site and facility for preserving food and serving a weekly meal for community members. Monday will conclude with the drive to New Town. Participants are urged to contact the Four Bears Lodge as soon as possible.

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# Meal from the Garden



DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

**GREEN AND GOOD:** Cassandra Dinneen of the UTTC Land Grant Program organized a work-for-your-lunch meal in the Skill Center kitchen for one dozen, or so, members of the campus staff. The June 29 event featured produce from the Food and Nutrition Program garden, supplemented with a few ingredients from the store. Participants donned food-handling gloves and pitched-in to prepare several tasty recipes selected by Cassie: Baja Black Beans, Corn and Rice; Baked Kale Chips; Simple Swiss Chard; and Almond-Orange Tossed Salad. Recipes available: [cdinneen@uttc.edu](mailto:cdinneen@uttc.edu), x 1866.

## It has a tangy flavor

**GARDEN GRAZING:** If you're ready for a tasty snack, check out the campus gardens. Bernard Strikes Enemy sampled some broccoli July 21 and gave it a thumbs-up despite its later-season bite. Raspberries might be found around the gazebo behind the Human Resources building. Further east, on Sisseton Street, are raised beds with flowers and vegetables that were planted by TJES students. Pull a few weeds as you search for cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, summer squash, onions, etc. Then walk a bit further east to the Anne Kuyper Community Garden. There will be more weeds to pick but you'll also find tomatoes, peppers, corn and other vegetables. Enjoy the fresh produce. If you have any questions about the gardens or the plants call the Land Grant Department at x 1399 or 1384.

– Pat Aune, Land Grant Programs Director



# Officers train for simulated shooting



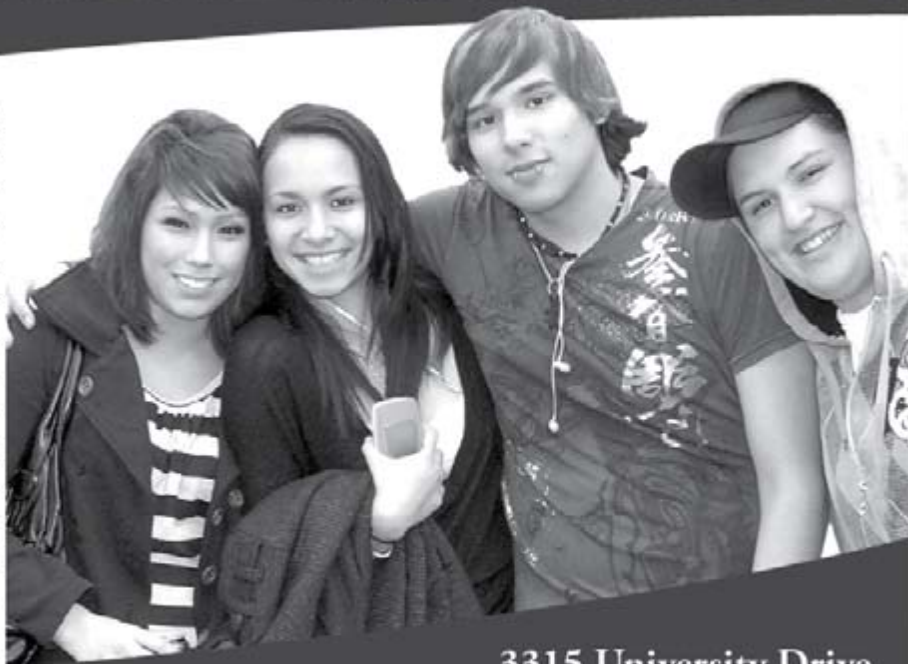
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**READY FOR ACTION:** Two law enforcement officers wait their turn to take part in a training exercise May 24 on the United Tribes Technical College campus in Bismarck. Clad in protective gear from head to toe, they are ready to be involved in a simulation involving an active shooter in a school setting. The firearms they carry are specially designed for 9 mm paint-tipped training rounds. Twenty-eight officers from BIA and Tribal law enforcement agencies in the northern Great Plains attended the training, conducted by officers from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Artesia, NM.



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# CJ summer training included time at practice range

BISMARCK (UTN) – Students who took CJU 225 during the summer term at United Tribes should have some interesting stories to tell. The course title gives a hint as to what they were up to: “Weapons and Physical Fitness Training.”

“This class is designed to give the student a better understanding of the physical rigors of a peace officer’s job,” says Mark Wallevand, UTTC Criminal Justice Instructor.

**“This fits into our curriculum. After the badge, a peace officer’s weapon is the most significant sign of an officer’s authority granted by the government.”**

*- Mark Wallevand,  
UTTC Criminal Justice Instructor.*

The term “physical rigors” in that description implies something other than long classroom lectures where students are seated comfortably in their chairs. Instead, Wal-



*Edward Cadotte squeezing off practice rounds June 27 with an AR-15.*

levand had them running timed distances on the college campus and tossing sandbags during the local flood emergency fight along the Missouri River.

The highlight (and reward) of the eight-week session was the opportunity for weapons training at a local firearms range.

Unlike many criminal justice courses

across the nation, Wallevand says UTTC’s commitment to hands on training gives students an opportunity they may not have at this stage of their training elsewhere. The outing is offered only at select times during the academic year.

A June 27 outing featured the AR-15 rifle, commonly used by law enforcement. Wallevand supervised all aspects of the 90 minute, live-fire session, which had been preceded by classroom training and familiarization with the weapon.

On the firing line his commands were clear and authoritative; the student mood businesslike with a hint of excitement. Clearly everyone was engaged.

“It’s a fun course,” says Wallevand. “It also teaches the necessity and importance for safe weapons handling. And it gives confidence to those who’ve never had experience with firearms, or who had negative experiences.”

Students also have the opportunity to train with other commonly-used law enforcement firearms, including Glock and Smith & Wesson pistols, and the Remington pump shotgun.

“This fits into our curriculum,” says Wallevand. “After the badge, a peace officer’s weapon is the most significant sign of an officer’s authority granted by the government.”



*Checking target results Kyle Leaf, at left, and Anthony Walker; nearby Gayla Little Dog; in background Randy Two Crow and Salli McCarty. DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News*

# Homeless on a wing



**MESS-MAKERS EVICTED:** Pigeons stir June 24 on the rooftop of a United Tribes building as an abatement team moves in. Workers from Environmental Abatement Services, Bismarck, ND, wore full-body protection, including respirators, to mitigate pigeon waste accumulated behind the building's fascia. "Not exactly a fun job," is the way it was described by the contractor, but necessary to clean up and seal off access where the feathered legions have apparently roosted for decades. The historic buildings at United Tribes, over 100 years old, require regular maintenance of this sort to remain functional in the educational setting. This project will cost \$80-thousand and other buildings will undergo the same procedure as funding is available. DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

## Calculating our carbon footprint

By Rebekah Olson, Tribal Environmental Science Instructor

Two Tribal Environmental Science (TES) students have worked on a project over summer to determine the campus carbon footprint for United Tribes. Jessica Pumpkin Seed and Nicole Wells are assembling information that will be incorporated into a more detailed study to be undertaken by the college.

Carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions caused by an organization, event, product or person.

Pumpkin Seed and Wells visited different departments on campus to ask for numbers to determine such things as gallons of gas used by the campus transportation fleet, number of students on campus, pounds of paper used by the college, and other factors.

Greenhouse gases are commonly associated with transportation. They are also emitted in other activities that the college might engage in, such as land clearance and construction, the production and consumption of food, building and road construction, building operations, and other services. The amounts are typically expressed in terms of the amount of carbon dioxide emitted.

This study includes everyone's commute to campus each day. The results will be compiled up by Pumpkin Seed and Wells as part of a research project.

"Thank you" to all the individuals and departments who assisted them. If your information has not been included, please contact me 255-3285 x 1349 or [rolson@uttc.edu](mailto:rolson@uttc.edu).

## Gardening and Native Plant...

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Fort Berthold Community College is hosting the Tuesday morning August 16 tour that includes stops at the Earth Lodge Site and a discussion about current and future projects of the FBCC Land Lab. Tillie Walker, MHA Nation, will share information about traditional gardening practices. We will also visit with local gardeners at the community plots and learn more about 4-H Youth Gardening. FBCC projects that will be toured and explained include: Green Manure plots, large community plots and rotation plans, native grasses and native grass restoration, compost and June Berry Research. After lunch at FBCC the tour bus/van will return to UTTC.

If you are interested in being part of this tour group please contact Pat Aune, x 1399. Some scholarships are available to cover lodging expenses.



Disability Verification for The CAT

Persons with disabilities enjoy the benefit of getting around Bismarck/Mandan using The CAT Bus. Acceptable forms of verification that riders can show the driver to receive a \$.50 discount rate: Bis-Man Transit membership card, Medicare card, or Social Security Disability verification card.

For those without a Medicare card or Social Security Disability verification card, but who would qualify under Transit guidelines as having a disability, please contact the Bis-Man Transit office at 258-6817.

### Transit Riders, Update Your Contact Info

Bis-Man Transit Paratransit Riders are urged to update their contact information. Please make sure we have your correct address, phone number, or emergency contact person changes. It makes it easier for schedulers to set up rides, and is essential to helping us contact you or your emergency contact person in the event of an emergency. Call 258-6817 and talk to Sharene to update your info. Thanks!

From the Winter 2010 edition of Bis-Man Transit Tidbits; to be placed on their e-news mailing list contact: [mistys.bisman@midconetwork.com](mailto:mistys.bisman@midconetwork.com)

# One of the Ten Best Powwows... Continued from page 1

came to join the circle – from the community, around the country and abroad – to share the traditions of one of North Dakota's premier cultural events.

## POWWOW SCHEDULE

The powwow begins with the first Grand Entry at Lone Star Arena, in the center of campus, on Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m. Subsequent Grand Entries are held Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Central Time), and Sunday at 11 a.m. A \$20 entrance fee guarantees admission to all dance and drum competitions for the four days. Daily admission is \$12. Seniors (65 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free. Group rates (10 or more) contact Ella Duran 701-255-3285 x 1214, [eduran@uttc.edu](mailto:eduran@uttc.edu).

Camping space is available free of charge on the United Tribes campus, with round-the-clock security and access to facilities. No drugs or alcohol allowed and no pets.

## POWWOW CONTEST

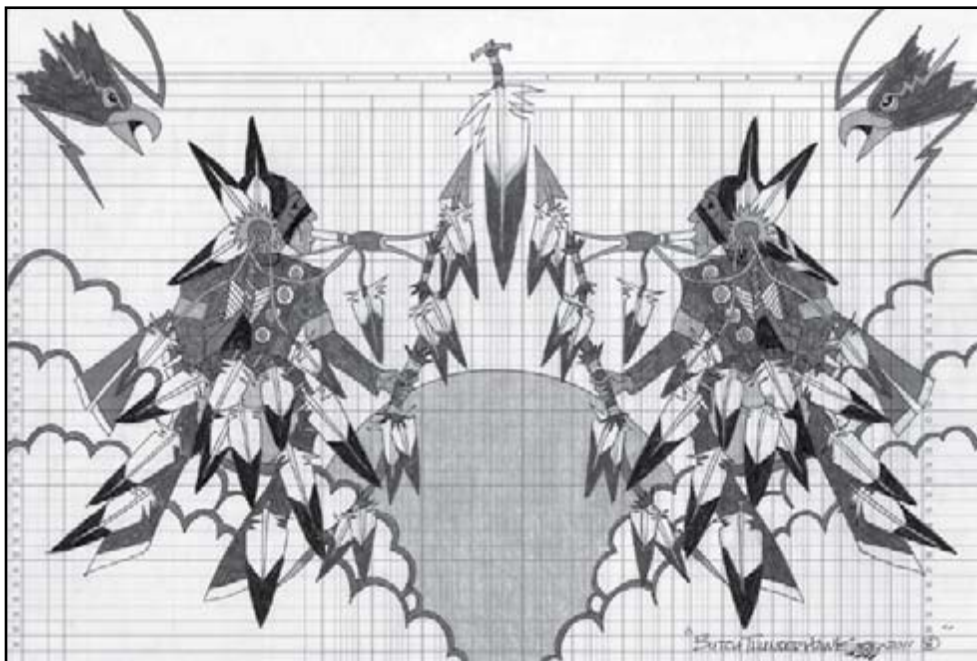
Known as "Home of the Champions," the United Tribes International Powwow is the season's last, large outdoor powwow on the northern Great Plains circuit. Awards for champion dancers and drum groups are announced early Sunday evening, September 11, following a free buffalo meal for all dancers, singers and visitors. First place winners receive jackets, gold medals and cash. Second through fifth place winners receive medals and cash. The first 25 drums are paid; tiny tot dancers earn day money.

## POWWOW POSTER

United Tribes is honored to feature artwork by a well-known and respected member of the college faculty on the 2011 powwow poster. It is a piece titled "Kit Fox



Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr.



**POWWOW DESIGN:** The art work, "Kit Fox Society Warrior," by Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr., is the image on the 2011 United Tribes International Powwow poster. The work will adorn wearable and collectible items for sale at the event.

Society Warrior" by Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr. The design is a colored-pencil drawing on ledger paper depicting two figures in traditional regalia facing each other and flanking an eagle feather. Kit Fox is the name of a Lakota society of men who served in battle and guarded over the tribe.

Thunder Hawk (Hunkpapa Lakota) grew up at Cannonball, ND on Standing Rock. He teaches traditional and contemporary arts at UTTC and is a recognized scholar on Native American arts and traditions. He has been with the college for 38 years. The last time a piece of his artwork was used for the powwow poster was in the early 1980s. The original "Kit Fox Society Warrior" design is part of the United Tribes collection of American Indian art.

## CULTURAL PERFORMERS

Each year the United Tribes International Powwow hosts and features an indigenous cultural group. For 2011 the group is Chayag, bringing a lively style of music rooted in the traditions of the Andes Mountains in South America. Chayag (pronounced CHU-YEG), and meaning "someone who arrives," is a world music group originally from Ecuador, now based in Otter Rock, Oregon. For

more than 20 years the group has shared its sound around the world at festivals celebrating peace and multiculturalism. Their music is played on authentic instruments, including the ten string lute, Andean drum, Native South American Flutes, and the guitar. Their entertaining performances include stories of the traditions and culture of the Andes. The program is appropriate for audiences of all ages. The group's music can be easily sampled online.

Chayag performances are scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10 and a 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 11 in Lone Star Arena. The group will also perform during Youth Day on Friday morning, September 9 and will appear in the powwow grand entries and the Parade of Champions.

Chayag's visit to Bismarck is made possible by Tesoro Mandan Refinery, Westcon Industries, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Image Printing, Advanced Business Methods, Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit, and United Tribes Technical College.

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# One of the Ten Best Powwows... Continued from page 13

## POWWOW VENDOR FAIR

Positioned in a ring surrounding the dance arbor, powwow circuit vendors create a lively atmosphere catering to the needs of tribal artisans and smart shoppers. Everything can be found from hides and antlers, to beads, finished clothing, bumper and window stickers and powwow collectibles. A food court offers a wide variety, from oriental and barbeque cuisine to the ever-popular 'Indian Taco.'

### More information:

Valerie Whitman or Red Koch,  
701-255-3285 x 1301,  
vwhitman@uttc.edu



Evereta Lee Thin, Miss Indian Nations XVIII, Diné (Navajo) Shonto, AZ

## MISS INDIAN NATIONS

Young American Indian women who know their culture are invited to participate in the Miss Indian Nations scholarship pageant. The event is set for September 7 to 10 during the powwow. The event is a scholarship program for single, non-parent American Indian women age 17 and 25 who can demonstrate their command of tribal values, customs and teachings.

### More information:

Sharon Clairmont,  
701-255-3285 x 1499,  
sclairmont@uttc.edu

## YOUTH DAY

School classes and groups are invited to Youth Day at the Powwow. The music and cultural event is an entertainment and learning opportunity. Included are presentations, music, dancing, and a performance by the powwow's featured cultural group. Youth Day begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 9 and runs through the morning. School groups are admitted free of charge.



### More information:

Bernadette Dauenhauer,  
701-255-3285 x 1514,  
bdauenhauer@uttc.edu

## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The United Tribes "Parade of Champions," is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 through downtown Bismarck, featuring dancers, singers, tribal groups attending the powwow, tribal leaders, and groups from the community. Cash prizes are awarded in four categories of judging.

### More information:

Michelle Fox, 701-255-3285 x 1355,  
mfox@uttc.edu

## TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT

The fifteenth annual Tribal Leaders Summit takes place September 7-9 at the Bismarck Civic Center. Tribal, federal and state officials discuss current Indian Country issues and attend a trade fair.

### More information:

Tiffany Hodge, 701-255-3285 x 1482,  
thodge@uttc.edu

## SPORTING EVENTS

Several sporting events are offered in conjunction with the powwow. A benefit golf tournament, "Teeing Off for Academic Success," is set for Friday, September 9 at Apple Creek Country Club east of Bismarck. A softball tournament for both women and men takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11. Winning teams earn jackets and special awards are presented. Three-on-three basketball and a 10K and 5K run walk are also scheduled.

### More information:

#### Golf:

Brad Hawk, 701-255-3285 x 1387,  
bhawk@uttc.edu

#### Softball:

Debbie Painte, 701-255-3285 x 1232,  
dpainte@uttc.edu

#### Basketball:

Daryl Bears Tail, 701-255-3285 x 1391,  
dbearstail@uttc.edu

#### Run/Walk:

Daryl Bears Tail, 701-255-3285 x 1391,  
dbearstail@uttc.edu

## FREE BUFFALO FEED

United Tribes honors you with the cultural tradition of a buffalo feed Sunday, September 11. All dancers, singers and visitors are invited free of charge. Serving takes place in the mid-to-late afternoon outside the United Tribes Cafeteria and will be announced.

## HEAD STAFF

Masters of Ceremonies: Ruben Little Head and Butch Felix. Arena Director: Anthony Kills Crow. Head Singing Judge: Patrick L. Moore. Head Men's Dance Judge: Rusty Gillette, (Three Affiliated). Head Women's Dance Judge: Willow Abrahamson. Ground Blessing: Marcel Bull Bear (Oglala Tribe).

## POWWOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

David M. Gipp, College President; Wallace "Butch" Thunderhawk, Committee Advisor; Tom Red Bird, Cultural Advisor; Ella Duran, Treasurer; Debbie Painte, Secretary.



For more information about the powwow and associated events contact Sandy Erickson, serickson@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1293, FAX 701-530-0633, or visit www.uttc.edu.

# Earning Your Way



## Nutrition and Foodservice Associate of Applied Science Degree

The Nutrition and Foodservice program at United Tribes Technical College is an opportunity for hands-on experience.

- Healthful food preparation
- Food science
- Food safety
- Wellness
- Community nutrition

Graduates are professionally trained with food preparation and nutrition education skills that allow you to make a positive impact on the health of American Indian people.

Follow one of two-degree majors: Nutrition and Wellness or Foodservice/Culinary arts. You choose depending on your interest. Both are offered on campus and Online.

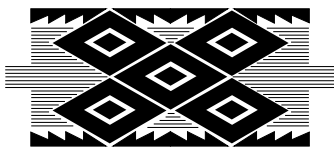
You have the opportunity to take a national exam to become ServSafe Certified and/or a national exam to be credentialed as a Certified Dietary Managers (CDM).

A degree prepares you for employment or to successfully transfer into programs of advanced training to become a dietitian or chef.

After graduating, you are prepared for employment with school lunch, WIC, diabetes/wellness programs, hospital or elderly care food service, and casino kitchens or private restaurants.

Earn Your Way with a two year Associate of Applied Science degree in Nutrition and Foodservice.

## United Tribes



## Technical College

Nutrition and Foodservice Program

Annette Broyles, Chairperson  
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# DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

United Tribes Technical College recognizes its responsibility for making reasonable accommodations to ensure there is no discrimination on the basis of a disability as established under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable support services, accommodations, and appropriate referrals are coordinated through the office of Disability Support Services.

The UTTC office of Disability Support Services is a resource for all UTTC Students with a documented disability from a licensed professional and is committed towards supporting the student in accessing all UTTC Academic Programs. The DSS office collaborates in assessing students' needs and provides appropriate reasonable accommodations in a timely manner.

UTTC Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment and visit with the Disability Support Services Coordinator in promoting self advocacy towards Academic Success within the United Tribes Technical College community.



DSS COORDINATOR:

Tammy Kelsch

Jack Barden Center • Room 216

701-255-3285 x 1465

Fax: 701-224-7230



September 7-9, 2011  
Bismarck Civic Center

You are cordially invited to attend the 15th Annual Intertribal Council Summit and associated conferences. This is an opportunity for tribal leaders to exchange information about current issues in Indian Country. Sessions have been attended by members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation or their representatives and other leaders at the federal, state and local level. The conference is a collaborative event featuring two (2) Tribally-related conferences sharing breaks, luncheons, and general sessions. They are:

### Tribal Leaders Summit XIV Tribal Transportation Planners Conference

Sessions for the conference include:

- Law Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Future Funding
- Education
- Emerging Youth Leaders
- Indian Gaming
- Domestic Violence
- Taxation in Indian Country

The Trade Show is an excellent opportunity to network with different organizations and businesses. This is included in the conference registration and all participants are encouraged to attend. The registration fee also includes two luncheons, two weekend wristbands for entry to the United Tribes International Powwow, and all conference materials.

We hope you will join us to hear presentations from expert presenters and panelists, both tribal and mainstream, about issues facing tribes and tribal people. This is your opportunity to give thoughtful consideration to the ideas, insights and knowledge they bring.

We look forward to seeing you!

Tribal Leaders Summit  
Planning Committee

Register Online:  
[www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu)

# THE LEWIS GOODHOUSE

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# WELLNESS CENTER



The Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center houses UTTC's Community Wellness Services. UTTC has made a major commitment to the health and wellness of our students, staff and visitors within the campus community. United Tribes Technical College promotes a safe environment to experience diverse cultures, sample the mainstream, and focus on building the student's future in a good way on their path of "Life Long Learning".

The Wellness Center provides a multi-disciplinary approach enhanced by professionally trained staff. The departments included are: Center for Academic & Personal Counseling, Chemical Health, Disability Support Services, Domestic Violence Advocate, Resident Life - Single Student Housing, Strengthening Lifestyles, and Student Health.



**Mission Statement:** Our Wellness Center believes in a holistic approach, blending cultural practices with the best in physical, emotional, mental and spiritual care. The Wellness Center provides students and staff with state of the art exercise equipment along with counseling services and healthy living guidance to include support of spiritual growth utilizing traditional methods.



## Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

In order for students to receive the best possible chance of obtaining tribal funding, we encourage you to Apply Early!

Classroom training assistance includes: tuition & fees, books & supplies, and student subsistence. Applicants seeking participation in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program for classroom training services must complete the following:

### WHY APPLY EARLY:

- Deadline dates vary for every tribal funding agency
- Awards are based on availability of funds
- Priority for selection maybe awarded on a first come first serve bases

### FUNDING MAY BE DENIED FOR:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- Acceptance letter from educational institute
- Financial needs analysis (budget) – from financial aid officer
- Semester grades / mid-term grades
- Class schedule
- Criteria submitted may vary for new and returning students
- To ensure application completeness, contact and follow up with funding agency frequently.

To be eligible for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) classroom training assistance, **ALL** students **MUST** apply with home funding agency first.

### APPOINTMENTS / QUESTIONS:

The Workforce Investment Act office (WIA) is located in building # 61. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 -5 pm. Call (701) 255-3285 ext.1229 / 1232 for assistance.





# Thunderbird Run set for August 20

## Proceeds to benefit flood relief

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College invites runners to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual THUNDERBIRD RUN, set for Saturday, August 20. Proceeds will be used for flood relief.

The event is open to all participants age 14 and up who are able to complete a 13.1 mile course in 3.5 hours, a 16 minute mile pace. Runners will start and finish on the United Tribes campus, 3315 University Drive.

Two competitive classes are offered: Open Division for ages 14 to 39 and Masters Division age 40 and over.

The half marathon early registration fee is \$20; after August 19 the fee is \$25.

Also offered is a 10K Run, open to participants age 14 and over, and a 5K Run open to all ages. Early registration is \$15 for the 10K Run and \$10 for the 5K. After August 19 the fee for either category is \$5 higher.

In past years, proceeds from the event were donated to community wellness projects for elders and young people on the state's reservations. Recipients this year will be four tribes in the region that experienced



Start of the 10K event during the 2010 Thunderbird Run

spring flooding: Standing Rock, Three Affiliated, Spirit Lake, and Crow Agency, MT. It is anticipated that the event will resume donating to the youth and elder programs next year.

Only those who register early will be guaranteed a t-shirt. All participants must check in at the on-site registration table prior to the running events.

Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. The Half Marathon starts at 8 a.m.; 10K Run at 9 a.m.; and 5K at 9:10 a.m.

Registration forms are available at the college website: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu).

For more information contact Tamera Marshall, Jarrett Baker, or Daryl Bearstail: 701-255-3285 x 1492, 1256 or 1361, [tmarshall@uttc.edu](mailto:tmarshall@uttc.edu), [jbaker@uttc.edu](mailto:jbaker@uttc.edu), [dbearstail@uttc.edu](mailto:dbearstail@uttc.edu).



### SCHEDULE:

7 a.m. Race Day REGISTRATION

8 a.m. Half-Marathon START

9 a.m. 10K Run START

9:10 a.m. 5k Walk/Run START

Registration Form Available at

[www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu)

#### For More Information:

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Daryl Bearstail, x1361, [dbearstail@uttc.edu](mailto:dbearstail@uttc.edu) or  
Jarrett Baker, x1256, [jbaker@uttc.edu](mailto:jbaker@uttc.edu)

## 6th Annual THUNDERBIRD RUN HALF-MARATHON • 10K • 5K

**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

#### Two Half-Marathon Competitive Classes:

**OPEN DIVISION** – ages 14 to 39

**MASTERS DIVISION** – ages 40 & over

Half-Marathon Early Registration Fee – \$20  
After August 19 – \$25

10K Early Registration Fee – \$15  
After August 19 – \$20

5K Early Registration Fee – \$10  
After August 19 – \$15

# Tribal colleges receive books

**BOOK BENEFACTOR:** Gary McCone, president of the National Museum of Language, College Park, Maryland, is the person to thank for adding a significant number of titles to tribal college libraries around the country. Seen here June 14 with UTTC Librarian Charlene Weis, he is responsible for arranging for approximately 2,000 Native American books from the Resource Center Library of the National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC. McCone is a retired librarian from the National Agriculture Library. He has worked with tribal college libraries for many years, including arranging for surplus books from the Library of Congress. McCone's visit to United Tribes followed a librarian's institute at Montana State University, Bozeman, and allowed Weis to thank him for his dedication, friendship and hard work on behalf of tribal colleges.



DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

## GuideStar seal earned



United Tribes Technical College is proud to have earned the GuideStar Exchange Valued Partner Seal, signifying we are transparent and proactive in providing information to help our donors make their giving decisions. UTTC knows how important this information is to you. The GuideStar Exchange is an initiative designed to allow us to share a wealth of up-to-date information with you as well as to allow you to research and compare other organizations.

Are you thinking about a donation to UTTC but want to do your research first? Now, more information than ever before is available to you through the GuideStar Exchange. So visit the UTTC page on GuideStar today and make an informed decision about your giving:

### More Information:

Suzan O'Connell, Director of Development  
 United Tribes Technical College  
 3315 University Dr., Bismarck, ND 58504  
 701.255.3285 ex 1533

## Opportunities in the Making



### Student Scholarship Campaign

UTTC Employees are allowed to make a gift to the Opportunities in the Making Student Scholarship Campaign through payroll deduction.

No one knows the value of education better than you! Any amount you commit will become a vital part of the financial support needed for students to succeed in building better lives for themselves and their families.

Please make your pledge today! Your gift is tax deductible.



Contact:  
 Suzan O'Connell  
 701-255-3285 x1533  
 or soconnell@uttcc.edu



## YOUTH DAY at the powwow



Friday, September 9  
 9 a.m. – Noon  
 North side of campus

# Miss Indian Nations Pageant

An Ambassador & Leadership Program



*Evereta Lee Thinn*

**Miss Indian Nations XVIII**

Dine' (Navajo) • Shonto, Arizona



## Here's how to contribute to United Tribes

**David M. Gipp Leaders Fellowship**



Preparing tomorrow's leaders to work for the betterment of Indian tribes, communities and people.

**Opportunities in the Making Annual Scholarship Drive**



UTTC students need your help to continue their education. Many of our students come from the most impoverished areas in the country. Your gift will help ensure they reach their dreams for a better future.

**Building Our Future Capital Campaign**



We have raised over half of the funds needed to complete phase one of the Science & Technology Building. Your contribution to this campaign will be matched dollar for dollar through the generosity of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Community.

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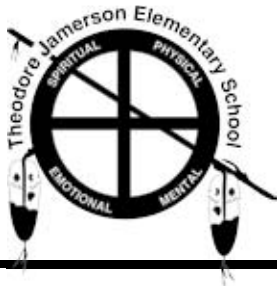
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# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



# TIDBITS

## Honor Roll

4th Quarter 2010-11 Academic Year

• • • • • **Grade 4** • • • • •

Trevin Yazzie.....	3.0
Daeshaun Strong Heart	4.0
Kobe McKay.....	3.75
Sage Bird Horse .....	3.0
Tyra Lends His Horse	3.75
Kendall Skinner .....	3.0

• • • • • **Grade 5** • • • • •

Tayla Blaine.....	3.83
MarLynn Cloud .....	4.0
Rocio Chapman .....	3.1
Devin Benson.....	3.17
Marques High Elk.....	3.67
Kasa Lohnes .....	3.5
Kaeleigh Cain.....	3.17
Gwyneth High Elk .....	3.67
Talyn Shelltrack .....	3.0
Mayan Fox.....	3.67
Tayson Long Feather.....	3.5

• • • • • **Grade 6** • • • • •

Chad Derby.....	4.0
Trevan Long Feather.....	4.0
JoLynn Windy Boy.....	3.4
Elissya Feather Earring	3.0
Kaylean Lohnes.....	3.4
Mary Charboneau.....	3.6

• • • • • **Grade 7** • • • • •

Marlaysia Cloud.....	3.8
Elijah Feather Earring	3.8
Hayden Strong Heart.....	3.2
Shanna Douglas .....	3.2
Hallie McDaniel.....	3.4
Shyla McKenzie.....	3.4
Cinnamon Arpan.....	3.0
Shelrae Longie .....	3.2
Randal Eagle Shield.....	3.0

• • • • • **Grade 8** • • • • •

Zachary Burdick .....	4.0
Marques Has Horns .....	3.6
Briarrose Little Bird .....	3.0
Kennedy Foote .....	3.2
Ebony Cook.....	3.2

Submitted by Glenna Mueller, TJES

## Fall term just ahead



DENNIS J. NEUMAN/United Tribes News

**GETTING READY:** Anita Green (Three Affiliated), a teacher in the 21st Century Program, places books on shelves July 8 in the new classroom for the TJES Reading and Math Center. The RMC was involved in a space reorganization over summer that moved the center into one of the school's new, modular units. Instructors in the RMC provide extra reading and math intervention daily for TJES students. Fall classes are scheduled to get under way August 15. In background, RMC teacher Brenda Rhone.

## THEODORE JAMERSON FALL TERM

**August 1** .....Office Opens for Student Registration  
**August 10**.....Staff Returns for Orientation  
**August 15**..... **CLASSES BEGIN**

# Summer Training is Valuable

## Focusing on Wellness and Sustainability

By Cassandra Dinneen, Extension Nutrition Educator

**W**ellness and Food Sustainability were the focus of the summer educators program at Johnson and Wale's University in Providence, RI.

Annette Broyles, Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor, and I participated in the July 10-15 program on behalf of UTTC.




From left: Annette Broyles, Chef Kevin Crawley, and Cassandra Dinneen

Among the Instructors was Chef Todd Seyfarth, a well-respected chef, Seyfarth and registered dietitian. He shared his insights about food sustainability and vegetarian cooking.

Farm tours and cooking that were incorporated into the week's program made the experience enjoyable and full of hands on learning.

Also instructing the program were Chefs Kevin Crawley and Gary Welling. Both focused on healthy cooking, by limiting fat, sugar and sodium.

The skills learned in this program will be valuable to the training we do at UTTC. Annette will incorporate the tasty recipes and insight in her food service courses. I will use the wellness and sustainability concepts in cooking and nutrition classes.



**UNITED TRIBES  
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
MENS & WOMENS DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
Clem Kelly Diamonds • Bismarck • 10:00 a.m.

ASA Rules Will Be Followed  
Jackets and Special Awards to Winning Teams

For Further Information/Applications  
Contact Debbie Painte • 701-255-3285 x1232 • dpainte@uttc.edu

*Watch The Games & Cheer On Your Team!*  
Saturday & Sunday - September 10th & 11th  
(Powwow Wristband Required for Admission)

### Shakopee Wacipi August 19-21, 2011 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Powwow Grounds on the SMSC reservation;  
Dakotah Parkway, just south of County Road  
42 between County Road 83 and County Road  
17, Shakopee, MN

#### Open to the public

MCs Danny Seaboy and Wallace Coffey

Host drums: Mazakute (Santee) and Wahpekute  
(Sisseton-Wahpeton)

Arena Directors: Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird  
(Sac and Fox) and Rusty Gillette (Arikara and  
Hidatsa)

Moccasin Game Coordinator: David Flute  
(Sisseton Wahpeton)

More information: 952-445-8900  
[www.shakopeedakota.org](http://www.shakopeedakota.org)

"We invite the public to attend our annual powwow and see for themselves the beauty of our culture," he said. "We have hosted this event for many years and are honored to welcome our guests, friends, and relatives."

— SMSC Vice-Chairman Glynn A. Crooks,  
chairman of the powwow committee

## FREE SERVICE for Parents

### Standing Rock Early Childhood Tracking RIGHT TRACK/TRACKING

#### Services:

- Right Tracks
- IEP Support Service for Children Age 3 & Up
- Infant Development for Children Under 3

#### More Information:

Crystal Karas/Kari Carlson  
311 E. Thayer Ave, Suite 213  
Bismarck, ND 58501

#### These services are provided through: Standing Rock Early Childhood Tracking



PO Box 697  
Fort Yates, ND 58538  
701-854-3678  
701-258-7988  
888-237-1405



# UNITED TRIBES STAFF



## GRACEFUL SEND-OFF

**F**riends and colleagues turned out at United Tribes to wish farewell to **Harriett Skye** upon her retirement. The former vice president of Intertribal

Programs was regaled with memories and honored with songs June 10 at the college cafeteria. A bit of technological wizardry allowed her daughter **Jessica Skye Paul** to listen in on the event from her office at FaceBook headquarters in Palo Alto, CA. Her granddaughter **Jordan Skye Paul** (in photo with Dr. Skye) attended in person and later helped her grandmother with a move to California.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to **Shawn F. Holz**, Media Arts Instructor, in the Art/Art Marketing Program, for being accepted into the Higher Education Program in the UND Department of Educational Leadership. Shawn was part of the first Bismarck cohort to begin attending weekend classes on the BSC campus.

– editor

## ON THE HOME TEAM

Members of the United Tribes faculty and staff said farewell to **Wes Long Feather** in June. The highly effective chief of the administrative staff left the college after nearly 10 years of service. He was drawn away by the call of service to his tribe and joined the administrative team of Chairman **Charles W. Murphy** at the Standing Rock Tribe in Fort Yates, ND. His steady and dependable service was a strong influence behind the scenes in many undertakings at United Tribes. His good nature and sense of humor allowed those who relied on him to josh about having to memorize a new “life-line” phone number, now that he is gone.



– editor

## CULTURE CONNECTION

**Angel Young** and her son **P-Nut Young** both performed June 3 at the 2011 Summer Reading Kick Off event held at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Congratulations on a job well done!

– Ruth Buffalo Zarazua, MBA, Strengthening Lifestyles Program former director



## RETIRING WITH DISTINCTION

The Teacher Education department presented **Cynthia Balliet** with a gourd bowl, made by UTTC’s own **Butch Thunder Hawk**, in recognition of her years of dedication to the department and students. After 11 years at UTTC she decided to retire to spend time with her husband, Wayne, parents, children and grandchildren. Cynthia is the epitome of a professional educator. She is highly respected by her colleagues and, most important, by her students. Prior to coming to UTTC, she taught at the University of Mary. Her vast classroom experience in PreK-12 education included 18 years in tribal communities in Alaska, South Dakota and other locations. Cynthia’s husband, Wayne, graduated from Fort Yates high school and was involved in athletics with Butch Thunder Hawk in both high school and college at Dickinson State. Pictured with Cynthia is her granddaughter, **Anya Fritz**. Anya’s family had been displaced by Missouri River flooding they were staying with “Grandpa and Grandma.” Congratulations on your retirement, Cynthia, and thank you for everything you’ve done for your UTTC family!

– Lisa J. Azure, Teacher Education Chair/Child Development Center Administrator

## CERTIFIED

Congratulations to United Tribes Chemical Health Supervisor/Counselor **Julie Cain**, who received certification in May for successfully completing Level 3 of the Interna-

tional Chemical Dependence Test. “Thank you all for your help,” she said in an e-mail to staff. “And most of all, thanks to the Creator for sending me to this wonderful United Tribes family.”

– editor

## GARDEN WORK

**Kandi Mossett** of Three Affiliated Tribes was on hand for the first day of gardening on the UTTC campus by youngsters in the Summer Youth Wellness program. The program is a collaboration of TJES, Land Grant, NDSU Extension Service, and the Strengthening Lifestyles Program. And, during the Tri College: NEW (National Education of Women) Leadership Development Institute there were many other regional community members who have community garden initiatives as well. Exciting and good stuff!

– Ruth Buffalo Zarazua, MBA, Strengthening Lifestyles Program former director

## GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE



CHARLENE WEIS/United Tribes News

**Jody Koch**, **Kathy Aller** and **Charlene Weis** labored in the good earth of United Tribes after graduation in May. They planted geraniums near the front gate. The geraniums were decorations from the 2011 Commencement Ceremony. Kathy also planted three lilac bushes on the south side of the Education Building in honor of this year’s Business Office Technology graduates. Graduation plants were also used in the Skill Center courtyard.

## STUDY TOUR

**David M. Gipp** participated in a one-week European Higher Education Study Tour in July. The UTTC president visited Brussels, Belgium, Valencia, Spain and Glasgow, UK

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with a group of other higher education leaders from the United States and Canada. The visit aimed to promote better understanding of higher education policies and systems and create opportunities for exchange between institutions in Europe and the US. and Canada.

– editor

## LEAVING FOR SCHOOL

### Ruth Buffalo Zarazua

is going back to school in the fall. The director of UTTC's Strengthening Lifestyles Program has accepted a Susan G Komen scholarship to attend the University of Kansas Medical Center to earn a Master's in Public Health. The scholarship includes a part time research assistantship on a breast cancer research team. She says it took a whole year to decide to pursue it. "My roots have been deeply planted at UTTC," she said in June before leaving the college for summer employment at Three Affiliated. "I will miss the campus community, the employees and the students. It was a hard decision to make." She said it was important that she and her family spend time with loved ones back home before moving to Kansas. Ruth worked at United Tribes for six years. "Thank you for contributing to very special memories that I will forever hold dear to my heart. Both of my children grew up here and enjoyed it. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you have taught me!"



– Ruth Buffalo Zarazua, MBA, Strengthening Lifestyles Program former director

## THANK YOU

Thank you to my **United Tribes Family** for your words of sympathy and encouragement after the recent passing of my grandmother, **Joann Thrasher**.

A special thank you to my wonderful co-workers, **Martha Garreau** and **Tammy Bertch**, for the extra hard work that you took on to allow me to be with family during such a difficult time. We were already short one, but you two stepped it up and covered for us. I will be forever grateful for that.

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# WELLNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

## WHAT IS IT?

The incentive program is designed to empower UTTC students into balancing a more active, physical, social, mental and spiritual lifestyle.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Sign in at each designated area. The Strengthening Lifestyles Activities staff will issue each student a Wellness Activity Card.
2. Every time a student participates in a campus activity, their card will be punched for that activity.
3. The students will receive an incentive based upon the accumulation of activities he/she participated in.

### CARD ONE

1st 15 Punches – 2 Movie Passes • Last 15 Punches – 2 Movie Passes, \$20 Gift Card  
This Will Complete One Card and Move You to More Rewards!

### CARD TWO

1st 15 Punches – DVD Player/Trafone • Last 15 Punches – N7 Nike Shoes/ \$50 Gift Card (*Scheels, Foot Locker*)  
After Completing Your Second Card You Move to More Exciting Things!

### CARD THREE

1st 15 Punches – iPod, \$100 Gift Card (*Scheels, Foot Locker*) • Last 15 Punches – Flat Screen TV/Video Game Console  
Drawing



## WHERE DO I GET MY CARD?

Cards are available at Strengthening Lifestyles Department offices in the old gym and at the Wellness Center.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Home Thunderbird Games
- Dorm Meetings
- Hand Games
- AA Meetings
- Basketball Leagues
- Cultural Committee Events
- Movie Nights
- Powwow
- Iron Women/Men Contest

- Morning Prayer at the Wellness Center
- Co-Ed Volleyball
- Strength in Family
- Open Drum
- Art Contests
- Weight Lifting Contests
- Sweat Lodge
- Utilizing Free Weights  
(*Old Weight Room*)

- Walking Club
- Talking Circles
- Bowling
- Frisbee Golf (*Frolf*)
- Billiard Leagues
- Native Research Lecture Series
- Utilizing New Fitness Center
- Student Health Fairs
- More to be Announced!

## INCENTIVES ALSO INCLUDE:

- Self Improvement in your Personal Well-Being, Increased Self-Confidence, a Happier, Healthier Lifestyle, Investment Into Your Future, Prevention of Future Health Problems, Healthy Coping Skills, Weight Loss, Increased Strength & Mobility, Strong Drug & Alcohol-Free Lifestyle.
- End of the Year Grand Prize Incentive to be Announced!

LOOK FOR THE  
ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE!

# SIGN UP TODAY!

Any Questions? Call Extensions: 1454, 1492, 1357, 1572, 1261, or 1323





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR UTTC VETERANS

Students and Staff  
welcome to attend!

- ★ Learn about benefits & local and national resources.
- ★ Gain insight on topics directly affecting veterans.
- ★ Coffee, snacks and door prizes will be given out.

**2nd Wednesday  
of every month  
5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Wellness Center  
Conference Room**

**MISSION:** To honor and support the UTTC student and staff member who bravely serve or have served to defend the freedom of every citizen.

**VISION:** The UTTC Freedom Defenders group offers support to UTTC students and staff who are currently serving or have served in any branch of the United States Military. This organization includes support of services in the following areas: education of benefits, available local and National resources, current topics directly affecting veterans, dialogue with others who have similar experiences, and making positive personal connections to ensure and promote healthy living. The UTTC Freedom Defenders group will provide an opportunity to allow members to continue to serve their country through community and campus projects.

**VALUES:** The values of the UTTC Freedom Defenders reflect the values of the branches of the United States Military, the College and traditional Native American values.

**For information please contact:  
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miken@uttc.edu**

## CENTER FOR ACADEMIC & PERSONAL COUNSELING

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tacted**

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The CA&PC is committed to the UTTC student by providing professional and cultural development services to enhance life-long learning, personal growth and educational success.

### VISION STATEMENT:

A holistic, healthy student is the center of our vision. This includes social, mental, physical and spiritual growth in support the UTTC student in an increasingly changing environment of learning.

### VALUES:

We will provide standards of ethical conduct to protect the well-being of our students. We value the quality of student life and are committed to honor and respect all Native Americans and their cultures. We express our values through listening, confidentiality, trust, honesty, competence, integrity, courtesy, and serving our students with care and professionalism at all times.

### SERVICES:

The Center for Academic & Personal Counseling offers a variety of services. Such services are held in the strictest of confidentiality. The services include, but are not limited to:

- Supportive Academic & Personal counseling (Individual, family, group)
- Assisting in the transition to UTTC Community life
- Supportive Counseling Consultation services
- Referral services
- Mediation services
- Intervention services
- Campus Wellness & Educational activities



## JOB OPENINGS

### ACADEMIC, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

#### Adjunct Instructors:

- Accounting II
- Organizational Leadership
- Tribal Enterprise
- Grant & Contract Management
- Business & Tribal Law II
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Evidence & Procedure
- Criminologic Theory
- Victims & Victimology
- Daycare Aide
- Teacher Education Field Placement Coordinator
- Practical Nursing Instructor
- Teacher Education Instructor
- Introduction to Computers Instructor
- Business Management Instructor
- Practical Nursing Instructor
- CDC Preschool Teacher
- Criminal Justice Instructor

### STUDENT & CAMPUS SERVICES

- Online Course Developer - Part Time
- Director of Student Health Center
- Strengthening Lifestyles Director
- Health Promotion Specialist
- Student Health Center Driver/Safety Assistant
- Housing Custodian - Temporary (Summer)
- Mailroom Clerk
- Director of Financial Aid
- Online Outreach and Training Coordinator
- Family Specialist
- Bus Driver
- Kitchen Aide/Dishwasher - Part Time (Temporary)
- Kitchen Cook - Part-time/Weekend
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- Security Officer

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# Basketball action is birthday gift

## Positive Message Included

By Tamera Marshall, Physical Specialist, Strengthening Lifestyles Program

**F**ourteen-year-old Joelle Wise Spirit had a request for her mother. To celebrate her upcoming birthday, she passed along the idea of having a basketball tournament. It was a couple of months before and Joelle wanted to share a positive message with students her age about avoiding alcohol and drugs and preventing suicide.

That's how the Wise Spirit Youth Basketball Tournament came to be. On June 4, players on 12 teams hustled up and down the United Tribes gymnasium floor, drib-

announcing.

It was all because Joelle was tired of hearing and reading about the suicides, and how they coincided with alcohol and drug use. Two years ago she lost a very close cousin to suicide. She was having trouble understanding it and why he couldn't talk to someone. So, she decided it was important to reach out and let her peers know that it's OK to talk to someone. A basketball tournament was her way of getting a group together and expressing that. And because she loves the game, of course.



Fast paced, high flying action from players in the Wise Spirit Youth Basketball Tournament at United Tribes.



Joelle Wise Spirit is in this group of tournament organizers, from left, Preston Wise Spirit, guest speaker Mark Wallevand, Joelle, Bobbie Jo Wise Spirit, and Didrick Wise Spirit.

bled and faked, passed and pressed, and hoisted up their shots in honor of Joelle Wise Spirit's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Joelle's mother, Bobbie Jo Wise Spirit, a recent UTTC graduate, had organized the event, along with other members of the prominent Standing Rock family from Cannonball, ND who are active in many campus-community activities.

They invited UTTC Criminal Justice Instructor Mark Wallevand to give a cautionary talk about Joelle's message to her peers. They printed up t-shirts, and handled the scorekeeping and public address

After the final buzzer of the final contest, Joelle was satisfied with the outcome of her birthday request. As long as she was able to help even one person, out of the many who attended, that would make her happy. She said she wanted to reach people who might be sad and depressed at times and encourage them to look on the bright side.

Joelle knew that her birthday tournament was a gift that celebrated life and she wanted to share it with everyone around her, even people she didn't know.

Joelle will be a sophomore at Bismarck High School in the fall.



**Wearing the tournament shirt:** Joelle Wise Spirit, VoShaun Red Bear, Gracie Red Bear, Latonna White Face, Tyann Brave Bull, and Keya Fox. TAMERA MARSHALL/United Tribes News

**Winning Boys Team:** Stray Nation, Standing Rock  
**Winning Girls Team:** Bismarck Gladiators  
**Mr. Hustle Award:** Preston Zast

**The Wise Spirit family would like to thank:** Scott Davis, ND Indian Affairs Commission; Mark Wallevand, UTTC Criminal Justice Program; Robert Fox, Wachter Middle School Liaison; Frank K. Jamerson, Rez Jam Sound; Tamera Marshall; James Bagwell; Marisa Yellow Earrings; Devero Yellow Earrings; Justin Young; Wakiyan Harden; and United Tribes Technical College.

# Letter from Ghana

By Bobby Crow Feather, United Tribes graduate



**H**ow amazingly awesome this summer is for me!

I've been lucky enough to visit the Abandoned Refugee Children's Home (ARCH) outside of Accra, Ghana. It's an amazing place, supported through the Nia-pele Project.

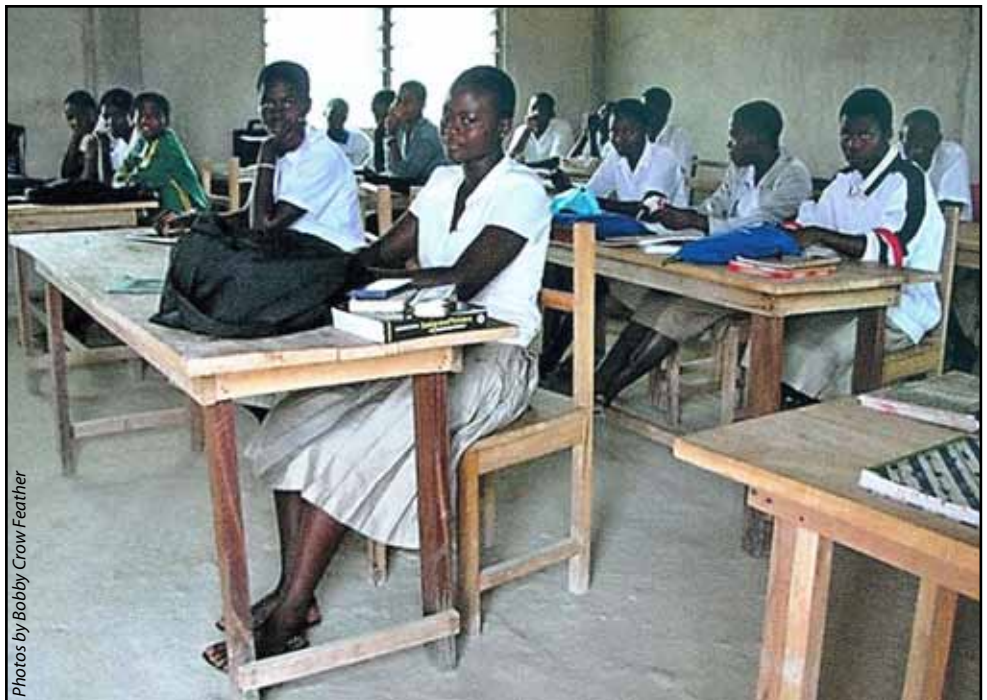
ARCH works to integrate children who are refugees of war into a "normal" childhood. The goal is to teach daily skills and assist them in processing the traumas they've experienced in war torn areas of Africa. The camp provides medical care, education and food, but one area that gets overlooked is recreation.

My role has been to help improve the use of English. As you would expect, most tend to be shy side, and I am lucky to be able to facilitate small group and large group discussions. For some, this is the first time they've had the chance to talk about a topic of their own choosing.



Most of one day we spent talking about the places where they come from, and how they are different and similar to the places "we" come from (we being all the volunteers that have arrived). Even more fun was the day we played soccer, a simple thing that kids really enjoy – and I did too!

I found unmistakable similarities in Ghana to the places we come from. One odd little twist on a problem that many small reservation communities have with dogs is the problem here with chickens, lizards and GOATS. I never thought I'd see goats



Photos by Bobby Crow Feather

wandering in and out of homes and being shooed away. It's amusing to see the reaction of other volunteers.

Another thing I've witnessed here in Ghana is the outpouring of faith. The evidence is all around: in the names of their businesses; painted on the sides of homes and churches; and songs you hear from miles away. Though they have very little, the people here make the most amazing statements of faith and give testimony that would humble any of us.

**Bobby Crow Feather (Standing Rock/Creek/Yavapai-Apache) graduated in May from the UTTC Tribal Management program. His summer internship in west Africa is through the organization Cross-Cultural Solutions.**



I am lucky enough to have in my rotation an orphanage that serves more than just children. They have an amazing group of people here and I am fortunate to have been hosted by several. Also, I am working on buying a few things for one village that I am spending a lot of time in. They have some really basic needs.

The good news is that I am well and I have much to tell when I return!

Hope your summer is good too!

Bobby

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# Dragonfly Garden abuzz with action

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**PLANTING TIME:** Three sets of helping hands were at work with the pink colored rose bushes June 28 in the United Tribes Dragonfly Garden. From left, Jayzen Lee and Jonah Windy Boy, both age 8, rolled the root-ball out of its container and Miranda Medicine Crow, 9, gathered in soil for the planting. All are students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School and part of the United Tribes Junior Master Gardener Program. They learned their technique from Tom Kalb, NDSU Extension Horticulturalist and co-coordinator of the display and demonstration garden on the college's new, south campus. With 140 types, Dragonfly Garden contains the largest number of different rose varieties in one location in North Dakota, according to Tom.

United Tribes may also be on its way toward receiving free tree stock for a fruit orchard in the garden. As UTN went to press, the United Tribes entry was headed for victory in the Edy's Fruit Bar online voting contest: "Communities Take Root." United Tribes is thankful for the helping hands of all its friends – those at computer screens across the country, and the ones in the soil of Dragonfly Garden.